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MATERIALS, WITH LOW ION LOAD AND THEIR USES  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 3 directly after the title of the invention:

This application is a U.S. National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/IB2003/005063, filed November 6, 2003, and claims priority to French Application No. 02/14001, filed November 8, 2002.